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DEC LIST OF FISHING FACILITIES

The enclosed list of L.I. Sport Fishing Facilities was sent to me by the N.Y. State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Bldg. 40, State University of N.Y., Stony Brook, N.Y. 11790. A reprint of this list in your fine magazine may be of benefit to your readers. If you do reprint this list, I have a few questions which I hope will be answered by my fellow L.I.F. readers.

1. Is parking available to N.Y.C. residents at all Pier & Surf locations?
2. Which pier locations are most productive and when is the best time to fish them?

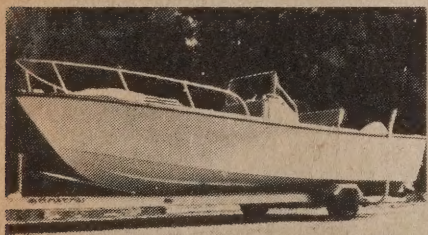
3. Which locations are good for crabbing?

4. Where are mussel picking and clam digging allowed?

5. I often fish off the boats out of Captree and I would like to know where I can get my fish smoked.

I enjoy reading your magazine, keep up the fine work. **Allen Sacks, Flushing.**

Unfortunately, the enclosed list of facilities is too long to reprint, but we would suggest that interested readers



contact the DEC for a copy.

The list presents Long Island towns and villages alphabetically, and indicates the availability of open and charter boats, rowboats, bank or pier fisheries, and surf fishing. It does not, however, give addresses or directions, species of fish to be found and fishing methods employed. In fact, there is no other information offered, but it seems to be a good springboard in helping to obtain more specific data.

L.I. SOUND COD

Are there any areas in Long Island Sound, especially around Huntington, where I can catch cod? I've heard there are deep spots in the Sound where they may be caught. **Joseph H. March, Jr. Greenlawn.**

Reliable sources inform us that cod are out there! The staff of The Fisherman plans to make a few exploratory cod trips in the future. The results will be reported as soon as we have something to offer.

CLUB NEWS

ROCKAWAY STRIPER CLUB

The Rockaway Striper Club announced its new officers for 1975 as follows: President-Ed Wolfe; Vice President-Don Liverpool; Secretary-Kenneth Upenieks; Treasures-Stanley Hyman; Recorders-Gus Marshall, Walter Ruiters.

The R.S.C. is seeking new members. The only requirements are that you are a serious fisherman and will participate in all the club activities.

Those interested please contact club President Ed Wolfe at (212) 327-5161 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

ATLANTIC ANGLERS ASSOCIATION OF FREEPORT

The AAAF now meeting at its new quarters in the Salty Bay Yacht Club, kicked off the 1975 season on January 28th with the election for new officers. Successful candidates were George Maisch-President; Allen Grosser-Vice-President; Mike Bernath-Secretary; and Charles Hanlon-Treasurer. An ambitious program—to include fishing derbies and events, club trips and guests lecturers—was discussed and planned.

Interested in joining? The Atlantis Anglers are always on the lookout for new members. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 8:00 P.M. Dues are nominal - fishing is the game - and fellowship abounds.

Interested parties - young and old - should contact Allen Grosser, Membership Chairman, at 516-379-2291

days or 516-546-0181 early ev for further information.



News Release

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As with all volunteer organizations the problem of finding workers to carry on the details of staying always before us. We suffer loss of several helpful and im volunteers who have moved out area. We appreciated the many of work that Irene Domini, Black and Gary Kleppel put in crusade to save our marine water wish them well in their new h We have been blessed with thr willing workers in our cause. N can go on as strongly as befo welcome on board Cleo D Robert Skoy and Dr. Martin C

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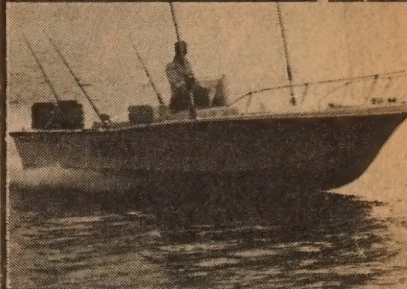


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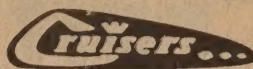
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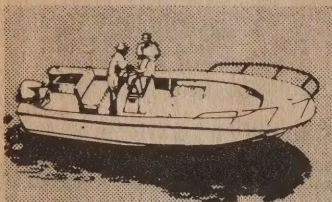
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Editor's Grotto

Thumbing through the February issue of one of the national hunting and fishing publications, I almost immediately ran across a two-page spread by one of the major oil companies. You know the kind of advertisement I mean, the one in which the oil-producers tell us how they are aware of America's energy problem, and the absolutely wonderful things they are going to do for us in order to make everything just dandy again. Don't know how many of these fantasies I've read, but they are all similar in the approaches used in convincing the public "what is good for...oil company is good for The Nation.

First punch smacks you right in the patriotism, and the second wallop comes so quickly that most tend to pass it off with hardly a shrug. But that's the main point of the attack: swallow it and you'll believe all the rest. The ad says we've talked long enough; it's now time to act! Why? To protect jobs and living standards, of course. And what upstanding, loyal American wouldn't buy that? Apparently quite a few, because an awful lot of us are wondering about the real motives of companies whose profit lies in selling as much oil (and its distillates) as possible, for as much money as the traffic will bear.

Carrying on, we are told we have an unhealthy reliance on foreign oil. A more appropriate statement might say that we have an unhealthy reliance on oil. Period! We have huge cars that slurp inordinate amounts of gasoline; we squander petroleum-based fertilizers to keep our lawns green while millions starve for lack of food; and we manufacture, use and discard untold tons of synthetic products that cannot be absorbed by an environment already over-taxed to the critical point by other excrement from our high standard of living.

One question you might ask is, "What does this have to do with fishing?" Since you asked, I'll answer.

All fishermen, whether they use vehicles, boats or whatever public transportation is available in reaching their quarry, consume energy in the way of (usually) gasoline. We fish in fiberglass or plastic boats, and use rods, certain reel parts, tackle boxes, foul-weather gear, lines and leaders—and many other items of synthetic origin—created from petroleum. Man, do we use it! But I don't consider all of this bad.

What is bad is the fact that many products, and remember that all manufactured products require energy in their creation, have been either symbols of status—the bigger, the better; the more, the better—or acknowledgement to the proper conditioning instilled by marketing psychologists—use it once and throw it away.

Given a choice between driving a 5000-plus pound luxury car with air conditioning and power-everything, or driving a compact car getting three times the mileage and trailering a boat with my plastic fishing tackle, I'll take the latter every time. And it would seem to me that this may soon be the choice we're to be given. At least, this is what the oil companies would have us believe. Regardless, the time has come for all people to make a decision about their super-consumer life-style.

A few days ago I read an interesting prediction in one of Long Island's local newspapers: with nations jockeying for position in the discovery of new oil resources, and with certain existing oil fields being reevaluated and found to have greater reserves than previously estimated, the world may find itself glutted with oil by the early 1980's.

This may ultimately come true, but in the meantime we do need oil. The problem is, getting the oil we require at present has provided the impetus for location and development of new sources, and the raping and scraping of existing ones. We are led to believe, through strategically placed and worded advertisements, that off-shore drilling in virgin areas must be quickly begun, coal reserves must be attacked with newly-increased vigor, research must be stepped-up in alternate fuel development, and controls on oil companies must be eliminated. If we do not allow these things to happen immediately, we supposedly will become a stagnant, no-growth nation that will assume its ultimate role of being at the bottom rung of the world-nation ladder. Of

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TIDE TABLES

	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETTS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
THURSDAY	3:26	3:58	5:23	6:04	7:49	8:29	7:01	7:38
FRIDAY	4:29	5:03	6:27	7:04	8:52	9:26	8:04	8:38
SATURDAY	5:30	5:59	7:20	7:50	9:47	10:14	9:00	9:29
SUNDAY	6:21	6:47	8:03	8:28	10:33	10:57	9:51	10:14
MONDAY	7:05	7:27	8:44	9:04	11:15	11:38	10:34	10:53
TUESDAY	7:45	8:03	9:20	9:38	11:52	—	11:15	11:33
WEDNESDAY	8:22	8:38	9:55	10:12	12:07	12:21	11:52	—
THURSDAY	8:57	9:13	10:28	10:47	12:29	12:36	12:09	12:29

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potuck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 38
(Inlet Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	-0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 37
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0 14
Fort Pond Bay	-0 29
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point	-1 13

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Boyleville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	-0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 06
Mount Sinai Harbor	-0 06
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42

on WILLETTS POINT

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28

PHASES OF THE MOON

3/12	3/20	3/27	3/4
			
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that area's station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet -0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". - 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6 1/2 hours to this figure.



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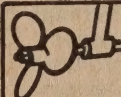
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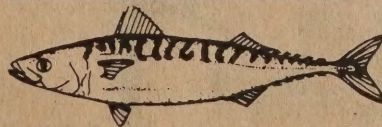
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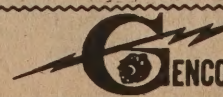
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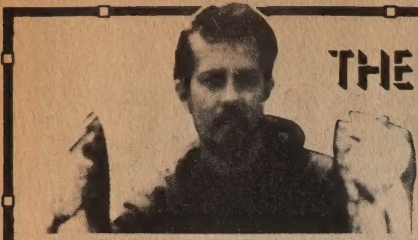
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FLOUNDER FISHING

Part One

The flounder will never be nominated a gamefish, but he provides more fun and sport for Long Island's fishing fraternity than all of the bluefish and striped bass catchers combined. They are every man's fish, youngsters and oldsters alike. With the coming of spring the flounder make their appearance in virtually every bay and harbor around the Island, drawing thousands of anglers out of their winter's hibernations. This attraction is accounted for by his great abundance, simplicity of fishing techniques, and his excellent quality as table fare.

There are two flounder runs, spring and fall. The spring run undoubtedly receives the greatest attention, as it signals the start of a new fishing season to the fevered fishermen. Flounder spend the winter months buried in the mud and begin to stir sometime in late February, running strong by mid-March. As the water warms during the summer, the flounder leave the shallow bays for deeper, cooler waters. They return to the bays when fall arrives and go on a feeding spree to put on a layer of fat for the winter months when they are buried in the mud.

Flounders prefer a mud or sand bottom, and feed on worms, shrimp, crustaceans and mussel. Unlike fluke, they will not leave the bottom in the pursuit of a meal. Therefore, it is fundamentally important to keep your baited hooks on the bottom, where the flounder may reach them. If your

bait is floating a foot off the bottom, waiting for a flounder, it will just wait...and wait...and wait. If you learn nothing else from this series of articles, keeping your bait on the bottom will take you more than half-way to becoming an accomplished flounder fisherman.

The flounder is a slow biter who prefers to suck the bait in cautiously. Striking too fast is the most common reason for fishermen failing to hook a nibbling fish. As a nibble is felt, wait a second or so to allow the flounder to take the bait in before lifting the tip of your rod to set the hook. One of the essential techniques of flounder fishing is the frequent bouncing of the sinker on the bottom. A flounder will see the moving bait and try to grab it before it gets away, often hooking himself in the process.

While flounders may be taken almost anywhere you drop a baited hook in the spring, there are quite a few "hot spots" that produce excellent flounder catches with consistency. Anglers close to New York City begin their early floundering by fishing waters such as Pelham Bay, Orchard Beach, City Island, Eastchester Bay, Rye, Playland, Rockaway Inlet and Jamaica Bay.

Along the Island's north shore there are plenty of flounders in the many bays and harbors such as Manhasset and Little Neck Bays, Hempstead Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor, Oyster and Huntington Bays, Nissequogue River, Smithtown and Northport Bays,

and Port Jefferson Harbor.

Fire Island Inlet and Great South Bay are also great flounder haunts, especially the flats around Amityville, Lindenhurst, Babylon, Heckscher State Park, the State Channel and around the Robert Moses Causeway; also off Sayville, Patchogue and Bellport. All of these spots produce plenty of small and medium-sized flounders, with an occasional two-pounder thrown in.

Head out east on the Island for larger fish. There is an abundance of rowboat stations in the Mastic Beach and Moriches area where boats may be hired to fish Moriches Bay, the "Flatfisherman's Paradise". The hot spots here are the waters off the Coast Guard Station, Smith Point Bridge, Hart Cove and Seatuck Cove. Ask the station owner to direct you to the current hot spots.

To the east of Moriches Bay is Hampton Bay, another spot where plenty of boats are available to rent. Next is Shinnecock Bay, where you can fish spots such as the Ponquogue Bridge, and the "Baskets" and "Greenlawn" areas and Tiana Bay from boats. For flounder from the shore, try the Quogue and Shinnecock Canals.

North of the Hampton Bays are Flanders, Great Peconic and Little Peconic Bays, one of the best flounder areas on the Island. In the latter part of spring, flounder fishing is so brisk here, sometimes fishermen must wait hours on line to get the rental boat they have reserved as much as two days in advance. Most of the rowboat stations in the areas provide fishermen with maps showing the local hotspots, a great aid for those unfamiliar with the area.

The north shore around the Peconics at Mattituck is another great flounder spot. For the really large flounders though, Gardiners Bay and the waters surrounding are the places to go. You can reach some of the prime areas from Sag Harbor, Three Mile Harbor and Promised Land. Highly productive spots in this area are Cedar Point, Cedar Island and Northwest Harbor. For real big flounders try the Tabaccolot Bay area on the eastern side of Gardiners Island. Cartwright Island also provides an abundance of big fish.

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However, this week I'd like to talk confidence. How many times have you been on an unfamiliar beach with other surfmen, fishing the same bar or hole with the same lure or bait, yet the few fish that are taken go to the regulars?

"They know this spot like the backs of their hands, that's why they hung those fish!" The subtle knowledge of an area gained by hard work is important, but is the knowledge itself the only difference?

I doubt it. I think that when a guy fishes a spot regularly and learns it well he gains confidence in the place, his technique and himself. His knowledge, by and large, can be ripped-off on the spot and his technique copied through observation. This is true except when conditions permit secretive fishing. Most of the time you get a good look at the fisherman and what he's throwing.

The regular knows what he has to do to catch fish in a given spot, and he goes ahead and does his thing! He is careful to duplicate the exact retrieve over and over, even if there are no hits or fish for hours, days or even longer.

I believe that confidence is most important for the angler who prefers to use artificials, but the bait fisherman needs confidence, too. To throw that eel or bunker in the right spot and leave it there hour after hour without a pick-up can be unsettling. But with persistent application perhaps he will land a cow later on in the tide, or the next day, or the day after that.

Still, the lure fisherman needs even more confidence. Part of his experience and training includes the rule that states he should vary his lure, its color, the retrieve, casting distance, and the depth at which his lure is working when he's not catching fish.

This knowledge can be his undoing. The purpose of technique variation is to help the angler discover the correct formula for success. Many times the

formula variation is the difference between success and failure. Technique modification is not called for when the fisherman has a model to copy, or when experience has proven to him that a specific set of circumstances will produce fish. For example, if the only blitzes ever experienced on a given beach were during the last of the incoming tide, you wouldn't find me there during the last of the outgoing. To do so would be to deny the percentages—and that simply isn't smart fishing.

Yet it is difficult to stick to what you are doing when you're not catching fish. One begins to doubt his memory or the skill of the regular, or he invents fantasies of the fish suddenly taking up new habits so that he can secretly have the only blitz on the beach. Such dreams do come true, but they are less likely to happen than you might wish to think when things get bad.

I offer a caution to all of us, however. There is rarely a one-method fish or fish spot. Most "hot-spots" produce with at least a few different lures and approaches. Nonetheless, some lures may be complete duds in one area, though they are number one dynamites back home. The point, then, is that your chances of hitting upon a different successful approach are poor, so stick to what you do know or can observe.

Persistence becomes important. The consistently successful regular knows his area, himself, his equipment, techniques and uses them all to catch fish.

It's no different for fishermen than it is for athletes in other sports. Coaches will tell you that many competitors have comparable talents and abilities; frequently, the difference between star qualities and mediocrity is confidence and desire.

Both confidence and desire may wax and wane during the course of the fishing season, or from one season to another. That's one of the reasons why we change our habits and our favorite fishing holes. The fickle changes of weather patterns and fish behavior may change the frequency and magnitude of our successes. As in other sports, we tend to press when we have had some tough luck because we lose the fine edge from our confidence. The harder we press, the

worse things seem to get. This is usually the time to put down the rod and let it be for a while. Then, when you resume fishing, you'll be more relaxed and you'll tend to follow your instincts.

Believe me, I know this is so! Last season (may I never have another one like it!) is a case in point. A couple of my favorite watering holes were relatively unproductive compared with previous seasons. The explanation was obvious—no bait. But there exists a tendency to begin to think too much, and in so thinking it becomes possible to out-think yourself. That's why there were so many big fish taken by inexperienced fishermen. The newspaper accounts of the fishing had the pros talking to themselves.

In at least some of the situations the sharpies were following the dictates of their log entries from years past, or reviewing their knowledge once too often. Usually this is standard operating procedure.

But last year the novice had the inside track because the fish, called by nature's strange directions, followed patterns of appearance and behavior that were previously unknown to many fishermen. The novice read the newspaper reports on Friday evening and went fishing. He didn't realize that on many occasions the reports didn't make any sense.

Case in point—bass at Jones Beach Parking Field Nine. I'm not taking about the eel scene right now. No, I refer to plug-caught fish. Now the pro knows that Field Nine is not the kind of area that holds either bait or fish. The topography is too uniform and flat. So he figured that the reports were a few days old by the time he read them and, therefore, the fish were gone. I think I'll go to Montauk, he decides.

Meanwhile, the fish stayed for about a week. As it was with the big fish that were caught later with eels, the novice faithfully tossed out his stuff and waited. In this case his confidence in the local fishing column, not confidence and patience from within, were rewarded.



FANCY PANTS

by Jack "The Professor" Frech

Those outside rocks! jutting from the surface of the water barely awash or completely covered and only detected by the swirls which appear on the surface anywhere from ten to fifteen feet down. Standing way out there, struggling to preserve footing, I revel in the loneliness and the life of the sea.

Possibly for this reason more than any other, bottom fishing and dunking worms hold no charm for me. Chumming is an unrepentive excuse for fishing which is lacking in creativity. Boat fishing, that bastion of the multitudes can, at its best, challenge those who lack the stamina to make it from the beach or those who have reached an age where they can't hack it any more.

In spite of these feelings, I am forced to admit to the fact that those who participate in these more mundane fishing practices catch many more fish than all but the very best of the surfmen. Certainly I'm envious! Who wouldn't be, considering the quantity and quality of the fish they catch. From stories circulating about the beach, many surf fishermen as well as I have spent innumerable hours attempting to determine ways to adapt these less clandestine techniques and their accompanying lures to our love—the surf.

Rigged eels must certainly be an offshoot of the way bait fishermen and worm-dunkers tempt fish. Possibly the very mass of plugs and tin heaved from a "picket line" could, with some stretch of the imagination, be compared to chumming. But—what of those highly successful lures

used from boats?

Standing on a rock off Scotts Hole at Montauk, I looked down at the two respectably-sized fish at the end of the mono. A two-ounce sinker lashed in the center of a flounder rig, arms, bent upward and back, constituted my terminal gear. To the ends of the hangers where snelled hooks are normally attached—two red tubes! Two fish on a surf umbrella rig! This gimmick had added many a fish to my stringer and was a great secret while it lasted. Not a plug, but an adaptation of another lure.

The hula skirt is another that helped me adapt what its, in most instances, accepted as a boat lure into a plug with a different action. This lure streamed behind a boat has been a consistent fish-taker for a long time. Years ago the Heddon Company built a fresh water plug with a short spud at its rear. Fitted to this was a hula skirt. Remembering this as well as the salt water success of the hula skirt, I devised a surface popper which soon became known as, FANCY PANTS.

PLAN

Basically this is no more than a short, rather fat popper fitted with a special sinker $2\frac{1}{2}$ -or 3-inches long. As with the "W-Y", the dowel is cut to length with the same squared ends. The major differences are the rear taper and the placement of the weights.

1. Cut a 1-1/8-inch diameter dowel into pieces 3-7/8-inches long. These could be 4-inches long but this figure would not divide evenly into the length of the dowel.

2. Mark the centers at both ends and drill holes at these centers one inch

deep, using a 1/4-inch drill.

3. Draw a circle on the tail end 3/16-inch from the outer circumference of the dowel, and mark a line around the plug 1 1/2-inches from the same end.

4. Remove the excess wood between these two lines with a knife, file or sanding disc. Finish with open coat sandpaper.

5. Centering a 1/2-inch drill on the existing 1/4-inch tail hole, drill to a depth of 2 1/2-inches if the plug is to weigh four ounces, or 2-inches if it is to be 3+ ounces.

6. Cut the face angle and cup the head. I make this cup deeper than normal, about 3/8 of an inch at the center hole. This extra depth seems to develop a larger splash when the plug is retrieved.

7. Draw a center line from the lowest part of the lip to the tail end of the plug.

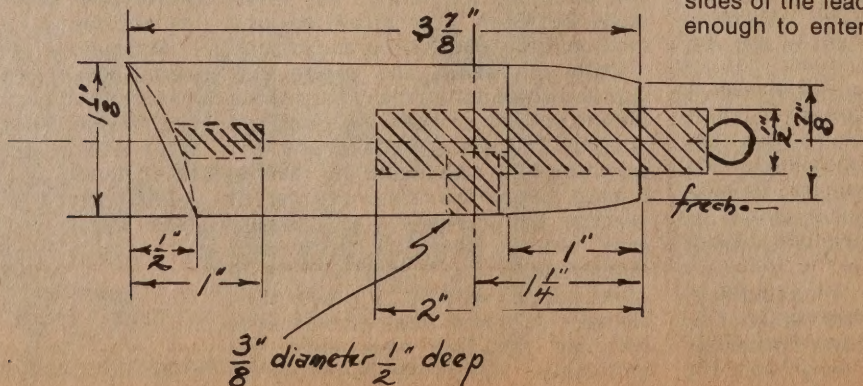
8. Clamp two pieces of hardwood together and drill six 1/2-inch diameter holes, three of them 3-inches deep and three of them 2 1/2-inches deep.

9. Unclamp the mold and insert sinker eyes just below the bottom of these holes with the feet sticking up into the holes.

10. Reclamp and pour molten lead into the holes. This reclamping must be strong enough to sink the rounded portion of the eyes into the wood. This should bring the wood close together tightly enough to prevent the molten lead from passing through. If you do not have clamps or a vise strong enough to do this, shift to soft wood and repeat the construction. The eyes will press into the soft wood easier but the mold will not last as long.

11. Insert a slug into the 1/2-inch hole. Use a 3-inch slug in the hole which is 2 1/2-inches deep and the 2 1/2-inch slug in the 2-inch hole. If the sides of the lead slug are not smooth enough to enter easily, use a file or

FANCY PANTS



sandpaper to remove any roughness and to slightly reduce the diameter. Use a bit of epoxy to insure that the slug will not be jerked out when a fish hits.

Make sure when you insert the sinker to rotate it until the sinker eye represents an extension of the center line. If you do not do this and use a Siwash hook, the hook will ride sideways in the water.

By now you have probably recognized that the lead slug is really a pencil type sinker which many knowing bait casters have made for years. This is a sinker that makes fishing in rocky areas much easier.

12. Drill a 3/8-inch diameter hole 1/2-inch deep on the center line 1-1/8-inches from the tail of the plug. Fill with a lead weight to fit. This hole will penetrate into the 1/2-inch lead slug fitted in the middle of the plug. It locks the entire unit together, acts as an additional weight and, in a sense, acts as a stabilizer to reduce roll as the plug is retrieved.

13. Finish according to personal standards. Be sure to soak the plug in boiled linseed oil for a short time and dry thoroughly before painting.

14. When the plug is complete and dry, purchase a few hula skirts. The flourescent orange skirts can be separated to make two skirts from one. The white must be used as purchased.

15. Moisten the tail end of the plug. A bit of spit will do. Gently pull on a skirt. Complete this operation with extreme care because the skirts tear easily.

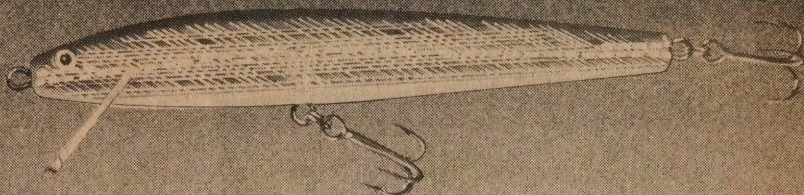
The skirt must be pulled over the plug so the loose ends point toward the head. When the body of the skirt reaches the wooden portion of the plug, fasten it securely in place by twisting a rubber band tightly around and around.

The skirt is the one facet of this plug which still leaves me unsatisfied. First, I hate to spend the money for the skirts. Second, the skirts are too delicate. Also, the fronds are too long. The latter is simple to remedy. Merely trim them to the desired length with a pair of scissors. Mine are cut to barely cover the dangling Siwash.

The ideal skirt seems to be the thickness and consistency of a 1/2-inch thick rubber band. However, I have been unable to find tubing that has a sufficiently thin wall. At present, I'm experimenting with rubber bands. The problem is to hold them in place.

As all readers have assumed, this is another plug that will go the distance. Frankly, it is similar to casting a sinker. The long tapered tail is streamlined for casting. When cast, the fronds lay back against the length of the body of the plug. This appreciably reduces wind resistance.

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Using a jerk and drop-back retrieve, the fronds of the popper open and close giving it a motion somewhat similar to that of a squid frantically moving on the surface. Another type of retrieve, the long fast lift with a

short drop-back, is also effective.

There must be many other innovative ways of adapting lures from other fishing practices, but to date these are the only ones that have consistently paid off for me.

Making Jigs — It's Fun!

by Richard Costa

For many anglers, even the most avid, the winter season is a time for cleaning the tackle box, overhauling reels, and reading those dust-covered, fishing magazines. Having accomplished all this within a few short weeks this past winter, I thought I'd fill in the remaining months before the beginning of the striper season by attempting one of those do-it-yourself, tackle-making projects you often read about. I decided at the outset that this project would have to meet three criteria: first, it would have to be one that could be fully completed in the kitchen of an apartment; second, my investment in tools and supplies would necessarily have to be minimal; third, the project would have to be finished by the beginning of spring.

With such restricting requirements, it was understandable that I should first attempt to make sinkers. All I needed was a few molds, simple tools, and scrap lead. I had no difficulty in buying most of these materials from a local tackle store, but the only place from which I could inexpensively buy lead was from a scrap dealer. He sold me fifty pounds of the metal for seven dollars and fifty cents. I admit that I had not intended to buy that much, for I thought the modest-sized chunks of lead I had selected weighed much less than the amount to which the dealer's scale attested.

Completely outfitted, I immediately went into production, turning out pyramid, bank, and clinch-on sinkers. At first the project went slowly; but as I became organized, I was able to greatly speed up the process. So much so, in fact, that I had soon converted thirty pounds of scrap lead into an estimated six-to eight-year supply of shiny, new sinkers! Naturally, the sheer volume of my output required that I immediately stop making them.

Although I was pleased with the success of this project, I still had time on my hands before I would be able to wet a line for the first of the spring strippers. Just about the time I thought I'd divert my spare time interests to another hobby, I got a brainstorm! I thought that since I had already invested in some of the basic tools and still had remaining about twenty pounds of lead, it would be fun if I made jigs. After all, I used these by the dozens every season. They often produced for me when no other artificial lure would work, either squidded in the surf, jigged from a pier, or trolled from a boat.

Enthusiastic about this new project, I boned up on the subject, bought the materials I needed, and went into production. Long before I finished the last jig, I knew the project would be a huge success. It met all the goals I had set for myself, not to say anything about the immeasurable satisfaction I would get from catching fish on lures which I made myself. So, drawing on the success of my own experience, I've described jig-making in the following paragraphs with a view toward completing the project quickly and economically in the kitchen of any home.

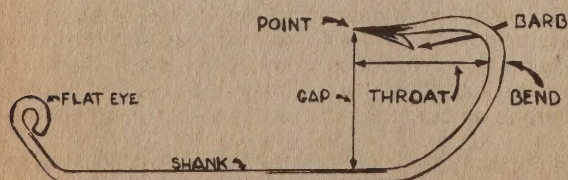


FIGURE 1

O'SHAUGHNESSY PATTERN AND TERMINOLOGY.

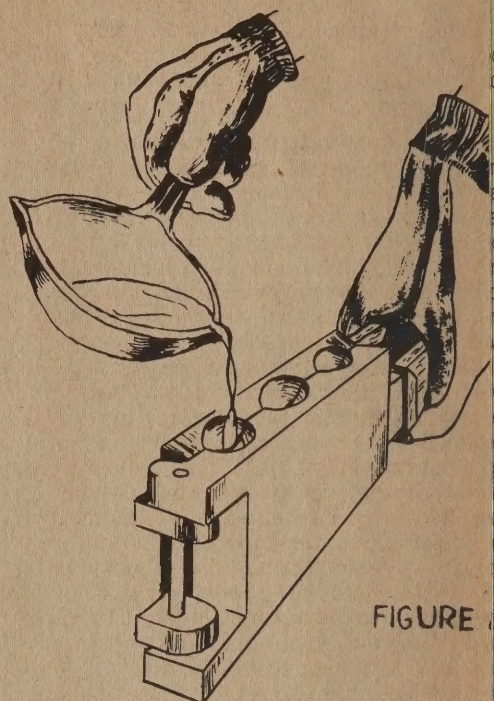


FIGURE 2

POURING LEAD INTO A MOLD

Materials

The materials needed for jig making are obtainable from many sources, but unfortunately they are not always available at home. If a tackle dealer is located in your area, he should be able to provide you with most of the materials you need, or be in a position to refer you to a supplier. Items such as paints, turpentine, and brushes can be purchased from a hardware store or hobby shop. If the purchase of the needed supplies is not possible, you may have to buy them from mail order houses. Fishing magazines always carry their advertisements. Or you can look in catalogs and see what they have to offer. Some of the companies that I know of which specialize in this business are: Finnysports, Toledo, Ohio; Herter's, Incorporated, Weseca, Minnesota; Netcraft Company, Toledo, Ohio; and Reed Tackle, Caldwell, New Jersey. A firm that specializes in manufacturing molds of all types, in which you may want made to order, is E.L. Sweet & Sons, 711 Main Street, Tonawanda, New York.

The table below lists the minimum materials required for the complete construction of jigs. The "Basic Equipment" represents your capital investment; these items will be replaced from time to time, since they either become worn or are consumed or quickly wear out during use. At first order supplies in minimum quantities; if you decide to continue the hobby, order in larger quantities. Making kits are available to those who do not wish to bother with ordering each item separately. If you want to melt lead, premolded jig heads cast on hooks are obtainable in different patterns. You may also buy premolded; just tie on the hair and they're finished.

Materials for Making Jigs

Basic Equipment

pan, small
camel's hair
brush, fine, single cut
cast iron
pot, cast iron
needle nose, with
cutters
pliers or heavy pair of
gloves

Supplies

cement, quick-drying, clear
hair, feathers or nylon
hooks
lead
paint, enamel, assorted
colors
primer, metal
razor blades, single edge
steel wool, fine
thread, nylon, tying, size E

Castin Jig Heads on Hooks

When you begin casting jig heads on hooks, some preparations should be made. You should get permission from the woman-of-the-house to use her stove, counter top, and kitchen table. Make certain that there are no children around when handling molten lead. Their presence will only increase the danger of an accident. Since you'll have one or more of the gas jets on the stove turned up full for an extended period of time, the stove will get very warm. Additionally, the molten lead will give off a strong, metallic odor. These discomforts can be reduced by placing a window fan in the kitchen, and so that the blades are drawing out the hot air, and opening a window in another room to allow fresh air to be drawn in. The surface of the stove and counter top should be protected from lead drippings. A couple of sheets of old aluminum foil works well for this purpose. and a drop cloth. A baking pan filled with water and left in the kitchen will prove useful for cooling formed jigs. Have the following materials handy: gloves (or pot holders), hooks, lead, melting pot, molds, and pliers.

You should first melt the lead and heat the ladle and after you've placed the melting pot on the stove, put a small amount of lead into it and turn up the gas all the way. Melt a few pounds of lead at a time, since too much lead will make it difficult to attain the right temperature. When the lead turns bluish or purplish, it is hot enough for casting. The scum which comes to the surface of the molten lead should be skimmed off as it accumulates. While the lead is heating, you should also be heating the mold. The hot ladle will prevent the lead from solidifying too quickly when it's being poured. The heated mold will cause the molten lead to flow freely into the cavities of the casts. Do not get the mold too hot, however, because the lead will leak from the casts and form a thin film of lead around each jig head called "flash." After a number of pourings, you'll probably have to reheat the mold. You can do this by wrapping dampened paper around it.

Jigs are generally made of cast aluminum in two basic patterns. The first, the pinned type, is made in two halves by inserting pins in one half and locating holes in the other half. The halves are held together with a "C" clamp or the second type, which is slightly more expensive. The type I prefer, is made with handles and swings on a hinge. Some molds are made to cast jigs of one pattern, others cast one pattern in several sizes, and still others, several sizes in different patterns.

Whatever your choice, make certain, when you buy molds, that the two halves fit together properly. On one occasion, after purchasing a new mold, I discovered that the jig heads I was casting were all lopsided due to an improper matching of the mold halves.

A hook of special design is required for use with jig molds. Since these hooks may vary slightly in pattern from one manufacturer to another, it is a good idea to buy them from the same dealer from which you buy molds. Jig hooks are made with a 45 to 90° bend in the shank a short distance from the eye. The bend is made towards the point of the hook, resulting in the flat eye being turned down. These hooks are generally made in four basic patterns or bends: round, sproat, O'Shaughnessy, and limerick. The round bend, as the name implies, is round and wide. It has a large bite, and good clearance between the hook spear and shank. The sproat bend is a modified round bend; the gap is not as wide as that in the round bend, nor is it quite as long in the throat. The O'Shaughnessy bend is much like the sproat, except that the shank and bend is flattened on the sides for added strength. The limerick bend varies in construction from one manufacturer to another. Some make it with a sharp abrupt bend, and others with a more rounded bend that is almost identical to the sproat bend. The rakish lines of this hook appeals to the eye of most fishermen. Hooks should be tin coated or 14 karat gold plated to protect the wire from the rusting action of salt water. Figure 1 illustrates the O'Shaughnessy pattern and gives hook terminology.

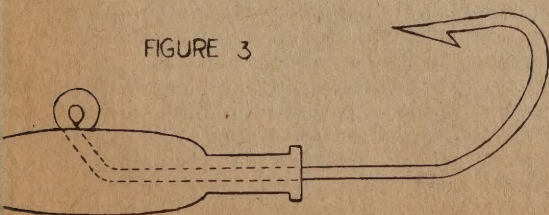
When molten lead has attained its bluish hue, you are ready to start casting jigs. With the mold on its side in an open position, simply place the hooks in the crevices provided for them. Holding the mold steady to prevent the hooks from shifting, swing the upper half of it down on the lower half. Hold both handles firmly in one hand, and turn the mold so that the pouring holes are up. (You should now be wearing gloves or using pot holders.) With the other hand, pick up the ladle, and dip out a small quantity of lead from the pot. Quickly fill each of the holes in the mold. Figure 2 shows how this is done. Allow about a minute for the lead to harden, and then open the mold and remove the formed jigs. To avoid a serious burn from the accidental handling of the hot jigs with your bare hands, you should immediately place them in a pan of water to cool. You'll notice that the lead which builds up in the pouring holes of the mold will form mushroom-shaped attachments to the jig heads. These are easily broken off with a pair of pliers at the point where attached.

Some jig heads will have imperfections which should be corrected. A small flat file is a handy tool for removing flash and rough edges. Make certain that the part of the jig on which the hair will be tied (hereinafter called the "collar") is well recessed with a clean ridge on either side. If this is not the case, use the file to make it so. Finally, a fine grade steel wool should be used to put a smooth finish on each jig head (see figure 3). If the imperfection is too bad to be corrected, the hook will have to be removed from the jig head and replaced in the mold for another pouring. One way to remove the hook is by holding it with a pair of pliers and immersing the jig head in the molten lead. Be careful not to immerse the exposed part of the hook in the lead, because the heat will cause the temper in the wire to be drawn, weakening the hook. Also, the tin coating or gold plating will melt off, causing the hook to quickly rust when exposed to salt water. The safest way to remove the lead, if you've got heavy duty cutting pliers and a generous amount of patience, is to cut it off the hook.

Painting

There are a number of ways jig heads may be painted. They can be dipped in enamel or lacquer, sprayed with an artist's airbrush, or painted by hand with a brush. The latter is the simplest method. You've only to buy a small camel's hair brush and several small cans of enamel in the

FIGURE 3



JIG HEAD CAST ON HOOK

primary colors (red, blue, and yellow) and black and white. By doing a little mixing on your own, you'll be able to come up with a variety of colors and shades. Most often jig heads are painted white, yellow, or a combination of red and white. The tails, which may or may not match the jig heads, are usually white or yellow. The tying thread, used to hold the hair in place around the collar, matches either the jig head or tail. If you don't want to finish the jigs right away, but just want to form jig heads for future use, you'll have to apply a coat of paint before storing them away. Otherwise, the lead, although very shiny when first cast, will soon darken from oxidation, making the application of paint difficult. This base coat of paint may be a metal primer, which I prefer, or just a coat of white enamel.

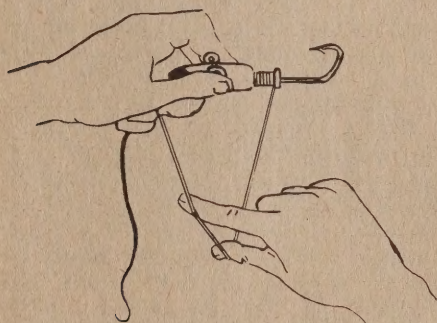
The entire jig head should first be painted in one color. Enamel will require three or four coats before good coverage is attained. If you want to paint the jig head in two colors, use bits of masking tape to protect the area you do not want painted in the second color. The edge of the tape is used to form the color pattern you desire, and also serves as a straight edge to insure a clean, sharp line. The fish won't care; but if you want to make the jig head look professional, paint eyes and/or scales on it. Two concentric circles will do for the eyes. The inner circle should be black; the outer, yellow. After you've painted the jigs, hang them by the hooks for drying. An oven rack is convenient for this purpose, or, if the little woman objects, simply string up a line in an out-of-the-way location and hand the jigs on it.

Tying on the Tail

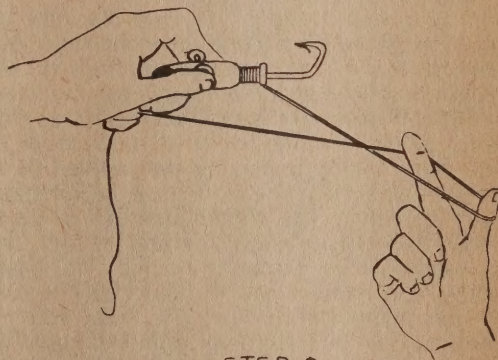
There are many kinds of hairs, feathers, and nylons, in a

variety of colors, which are used for jig tails. Among the different types of hairs which are available and which I've used, there are deer hair (bucktail), calf hair (kip), and skunk hair. The deer hair, which is a favorite among anglers, is soft and has a fine action in water. Calf hair, which is suited most for small, light jigs, is short, thick and kinky. Although skunk hair is easy to work with, it is very stiff and comes only in its natural black and white color. Generally, the rooster (gamecock) feathers used for fly tying are also used as tails for jigs. I've found the neck feathers (called neck hackles), and the long slim feathers between the tips of the wing and the tail (called saddle hackles) most suited for jig tails. The use of nylon offers a number of advantages. It is not affected by salt water and can take the roughest use for long periods of time. If used, make certain that it has a crimped surface. This will make it difficult to pull out once it is tied in place. Remember, that hairs and feathers should be moth-proofed and stored in a tightly sealed box or bag when not being used.

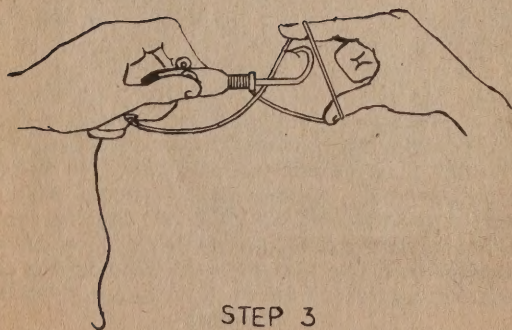
regardless of the kind of materials you select for the tails of the jigs you make, the tying steps are essentially the same. If you use hair, however, it must first be prepared by cutting it from the skin. This may be easily done with a razor blade. As the hair is cut, it should be kept together in bunches just as it is removed from the skin. Six small bunches should be enough for one jig head. Feathers or nylon usually do not require special preparation. The number of feathers you use for one jig will depend on their size and the effect you're seeking. Nylon is tied to the collar of the jig in the same manner as you would tie hair.



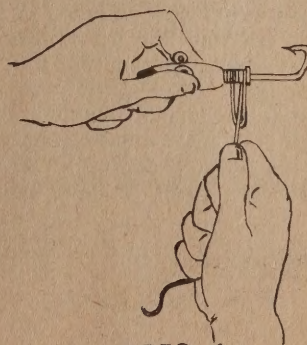
STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

TYING A HALF HITCH

FIGURE 4

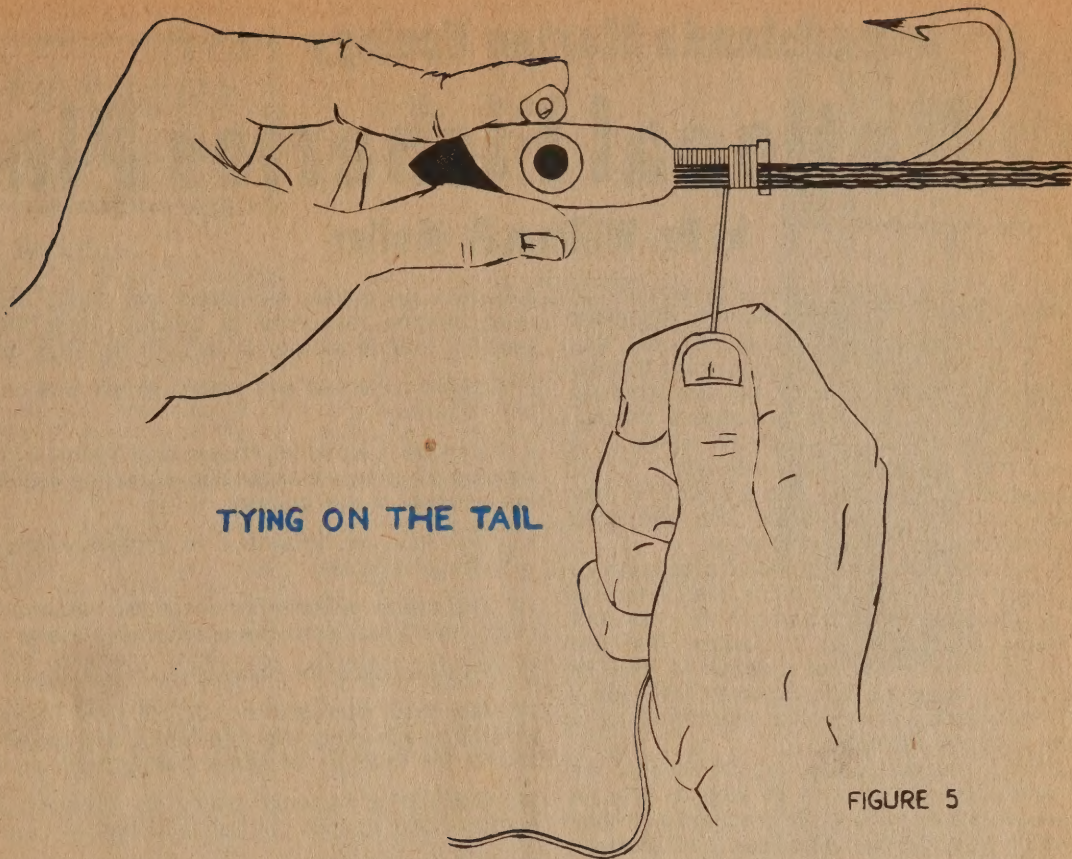


FIGURE 5

When you're ready to tie on the tail, have the following materials ready: Hair (feathers or nylon), razor blade, quick-drying cement, and size E tying thread. Later you may want to work with different sized threads, but in the beginning you'll find this size, because of its strength and large diameter, easy to work with. If you lack finger dexterity, it will help to use a fly-tyer's vise. The jig can be held by its hook in this tool, thus allowing freedom of both hands for holding the hair in position and wrapping the thread.

Begin tying by first wrapping one layer of thread around the collar of the jig. At one end, wrap a few turns of thread over itself to form a temporary lock. Continue wrapping the thread in one layer around the collar until it is completely covered. Secure the thread by tying several half hitches; it's not necessary to cut it (see figure 4). Place a dab of quick-drying cement on the thread at the point where you are going to place the first bunch of hair. Before the cement dries, pick up one of the bunches of hair and, holding it parallel to the shank of the hook, press one end

of it against the collar of the jig. Hold the hair in place with one hand and with the other, wrap several turns of thread around the hair and collar. Draw the hair tight against the collar, and secure with half-hitches. Figure 5 illustrates this step. Repeat this process all around the jig collar with the remaining hair. Two bunches of hair works well on each side of the jig. One bunch will do on top and one, underneath. As you place the hair around the jig collar, constantly position and shape it so as to form a symmetrical tail. After all the hair is tied in place, continue wrapping the thread around the hair until it is flush with the ridges of the collar. Finish off with a few more half-hitches, and cut the thread close to the last knot. Cover the thread with a heavy coat of cement to act as waterproofing and to prevent the thread from unraveling. Trim off hair butts which extend over the jig head with a razor blade. Shape the back of the tail with a pair of scissors or a razor blade. A completed jig made with feathers is shown in figure 6.

Now, let's go catch some of those stripers!

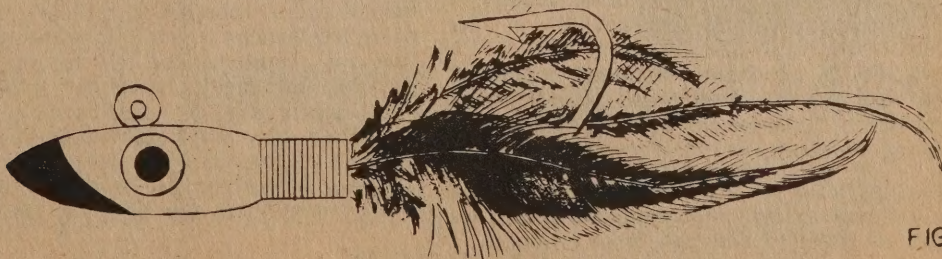


FIGURE 6

COMPLETED JIG MADE WITH FEATHERS

The National Fisheries Plan

by Dr. William A. Muller

In the summer of 1974 the United States Department of Commerce-National Marine Fisheries Service requested ideas and comments from numerous local, regional, and national agencies, organizations, and publications in order to help them develop national policy for our fisheries resources, fisheries industries, and recreational fishing. The plan is being developed as a direct result of a unanimously-approved congressional resolution.

The background information that was provided in their draft document outlined many goals and proposed possible new directions in fisheries science.

The proposed national plan is a significant step because it represents a major philosophical and practical change of attitude. That is, the Congress and perhaps the people of the United States are beginning to realize that the management of our fisheries is not a series of local or regional problems but rather a single, complex, interwoven matter of national urgency, and is thus meritorious of a united and well thought-out policy.

We felt obligated to respond to their inquire because the future of our sport fishing industry as well as that of commercial endeavors are at stake. We prepared a lengthy document in which we addressed ourselves to all of those issues that we felt competent to comment on, hopeful that other organizations with expertise in related fields would provide their input.

The entire text of our response is rather lengthy, certainly far more than can be reproduced here. However, a summary of the major ideas in our document appear below. **The Long Island Fisherman** will provide a copy of the complete text to any individual or group that sends a written request to the editor.

1. Extend the jurisdiction over U.S. fisheries to 200 miles.
2. Scrutinize domestic practices.
 - a. management of the spawning grounds
 - b. prohibit commercial fishing for anadromous fishes in our rivers.
 - c. with a few exceptions, prohibit dragging in bays, harbors, and inlets.
 - d. prohibit gillnetting in waters that are shallower than 25 feet and/or in bays, harbors, and inlets.
 - e. prohibit haul seining
 - f. establish license legislation for the sale of gamefishes
 - g. limit menhaden fishing in estuaries, and prohibit such fishing completely in bays, harbors, and inlets
 - h. extend the proposed management of a few anadromous fishes to all such species
 - i. avoid the expansion of existing fisheries or the exploitation of new fisheries until it can be definitively established that the fisheries can withstand additional or new fishing pressure.
3. Prohibit the construction of any new power plants on rivers unless closed-system cooling towers are constructed also, in order to dissipate heat effluents.
4. Apply the status-quo philosophy to the "health" of our major rivers.
5. Provide adequate funds for the enforcement of the National Fisheries Plan.

6. Require all private industries and public utilities that share marine resources to provide funds for oceanographic, marine biological, and/or fisheries research.

7. Establish the real and precise extent and condition of our fisheries.

8. Establish a National Educational Program in order to develop a better understanding of marine ecology among the citizens of our country.

9. Allow local organizations to improve anglers' contact with target species.

10. The overall administration of the National Fisheries Plan should rest with the appropriate federal agency.

11. Provide funds for research in mariculture.

12. We need management of indirectly related factors which may adversely affect spawning and growth of fishes and/or the stability of some marine habitats.

13. Develop a national policy to protect, conserve, manage, and restore our salt marshes.

14. Develop better dredging procedures so that the effects of these operations are more durable.

15. Prohibit offshore oil drilling on the east coast unless adequate safeguards are employed which would guarantee safety from oil spills.

EDITOR'S GROTTO (Continued from page 4.)

course, there will be "controls to protect the environment", but these always seem to appear in parentheses—as an afterthought, perhaps. Somehow I can't help but believe that reference to environmental controls was inserted by the scribblers of these ads much as a farmer throws slop to hogs. It costs the farmer nothing, and the swine are eternally grateful for having been fed something.

Believe what you will about overpopulation, over-consumerism, over-exploitation, over-destruction, or any of the excesses to which we have become prone. Perhaps our national disease should be gout. Do yourselves a positive service, though, and take the time and considerable mental energy required to critically analyze what you are being fed through advertising—from any source, including this one. There will be few future situations of "all or nothing", and many gray areas will have to be resolved in how we are going to make-do with what we have, or in exploiting new areas and resources to maintain and increase our standards of living. We may not see those oil rigs over the horizon, but have no doubt they will affect our environment, thus ourselves, for ever. G.V.



SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** said that fishing has been very good southeast of Block Island in 120 feet of water. Fish are large, mostly 12 lbs. and up. Frank Stein took the pool on Sunday with a 48 lb. cod. On Sunday the **Viking Star** caught 8 foreign vessels fishing within the 12 mile limit at 7:30 in the morning. This was reported to the Coast Guard, but no plane or C.G. cutter was dispatched to investigate. Paul is lodging a formal complaint.

Peconic Queen II has also been fishing the Block Island area with very good results. Cod up to 35 lbs., pollack and blackfish make for a mixed bag. The Queen will make the first Andrea Doria trip of the year on April 5th. Give Captain Behan a call for further details or see their ad.

The **Helen II** reports good, steady codfishing at the Cartwright Grounds in 65-100 feet of water. Average per man is 10-12 cod up to 15-18 lbs. with some nice pollack and blackfish mixed in.

Clair Glas of the **Hel-Cat** called to announce that the Cat has left Montauk for a new home base in Groton, Connecticut. The **Hel-Cat** dock is on Thanes River across from New London. Captain George Glas advises he will commence open boat operations on April 5th. Watch the **Hel-Cat** ads for further info.

MORICHES BAY

Ralph Aprevilo and Eddy Groskin-sky called to say that the flounders are out of the mud in Moriches Bay. They fished west of the West Hampton Bridge and landed 69 fish in a few hours.

CAPTREE

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** reports that the codfishing has slowed down since mid-February. Saturday was fair with 75-80 cod boated and Sunday was poor with about 50 fish for 25 people. Thursday and Friday was fairly good with light crowds averaging 5-6 fish per man. Fishing is still concentrated around the BA buoy in 110-130 feet of water. Foreign vessels are also thick in the area.

The **Captain Ben Litwin** said that codfishing has been poor so they will switch over to flounders this weekend and sail daily at 8 A.M.

The **Captain Scotty** reported good cod Thursday and Friday with a few fish in the thirties. Saturday was only fair. The fishing has been south of the BA buoy. The Captain Scotty will stick it out with the cod for another 2-3 weeks.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the **Capt. Richie** reports great flounder fishing on Saturday and Sunday, with 30-40 fish per man the average. Fish ranged from ¾-1¼ lbs. and were eating clam, worm and mussel. Looks like a great start for the year, says Capt. Richie.

FREEPORT

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** reported very good cod fishing on Saturday 1¼ hrs. east/southeast of Jones Inlet in 120-130 feet of water. Fish average 6-12 lbs. with an occasional 20-30 pounder thrown in. Ed O'Hara took the pool with a 34 lb. cod fishing slowed up on Sunday with foreign vessels weaving in and out of the area. The **Starstream** will stick with the cod until the mackerel arrive the end of April.

Captain "Spider" Schmidt of the **Aloma II** said that the flounder fishing was slow over the weekend due to high tides caused by the full moon and high winds. On Saturday the average was 8-10 fish per man ¼-1½ lbs. Best areas are Reynolds Channel, Swift Creek and The State Channel on outgoing water. The bigger fish are being taken on clams rather than worms.

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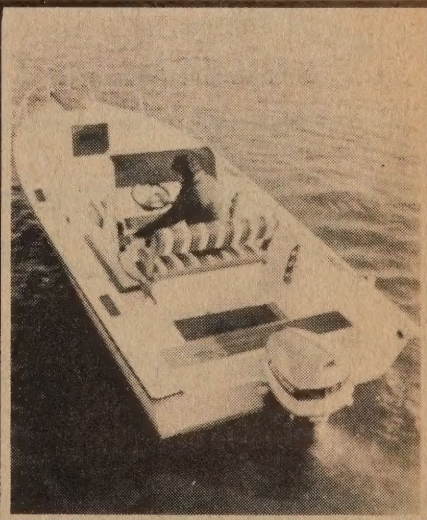
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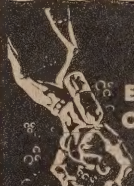
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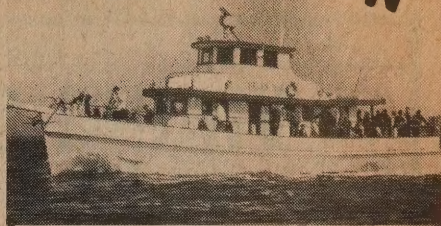
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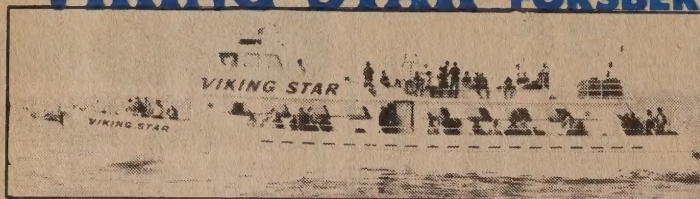
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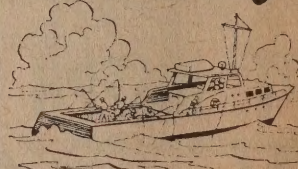
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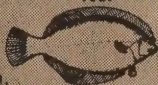
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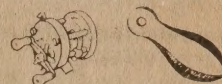
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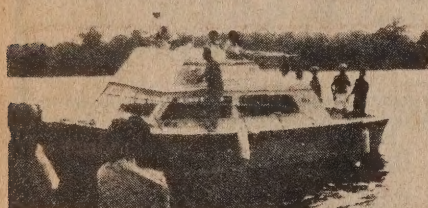
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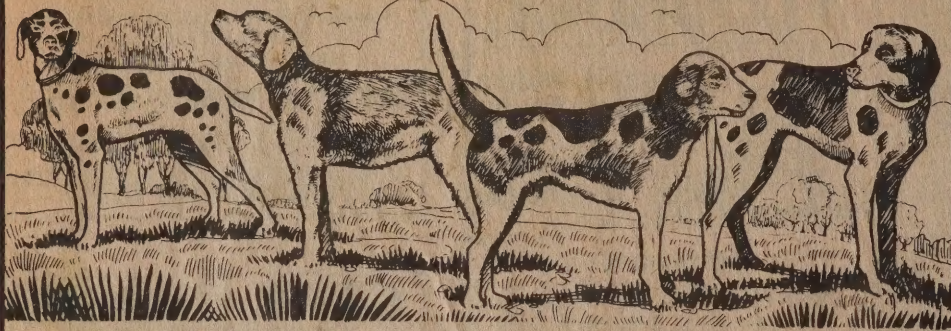
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SECTION 240 OF THE CONSERVATION LAW SAYS NO DOG OWNER CAN ALLOW IT TO RUN DEER.

SECTION 186 DIRECTS WARDENS TO DESTROY DOGS CHASING DEER - A TOUGH AND DISAGREEABLE JOB.



DOGS KILLED ALL 700 PHEASANTS IN ONE PEN AT SPRING FARMS OF SAG HARBOR IN ONE NIGHT. DAVE SCHELLINGER SAID THE DOGS ARE A CONSTANT THREAT TO HIS HUNTING PRESERVE.



DOG OWNERS SHOULD COOPERATE BY MAKING SURE THEIR PETS ARE NOT OUT CHASING DEER, RAIDING FARMS OR BITING THE MAILMAN - ANOTHER FREQUENT VICTIM OF THE CHASE, EVEN IN URBAN AREAS WHERE ALL UNLEASHED DOGS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE OFF THE STREETS.